

Health & Safety Guiding Principles

The Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia (AME BC) recognizes that health and safety are fundamental cornerstones of the mineral exploration and mining sector. In pursuit of preventing incidents among its members, AME BC encourages the promotion of sound and responsible business practices to ensure everyone's right to a healthy and safe workplace.

In conducting their activities, AME BC members should strive to:

1. Communicate these guiding principles about health and safety to our members, communities of interest, aboriginal peoples, relevant regulatory agencies and international stakeholders.
2. Manage their activities to ensure accountability and compliance with applicable permits, laws and regulations. In the absence of regulation, best management practices will be applied to reduce health and safety risks.
3. Implement health and safety codes of practice, policies, programs, guidelines and procedures established jointly by industry and government to ensure identification of health and safety risks and the implementation of reasonable mitigation, monitoring, emergency planning, transparent auditing and reporting.
4. Identify and manage health and safety hazards and risks during all phases of the mineral exploration and mining cycle and will actively encourage all employees to consider their own safety as well as the safety of others.
5. Allocate the appropriate resources to meet health and safety goals and will support and conduct appropriate research to improve health and safety performance.
6. Actively investigate health and safety incidents to ensure that the rights of the employer and the rights of the employee are upheld in the pursuit of zero incidents occurring in the workplace.
7. Continuously seek opportunities to improve health and safety performance through adherence to these principles and will regularly report progress to other members, communities of interest, aboriginal peoples, relevant regulatory agencies and international stakeholders.
8. Support the joint AME BC-PDAC Canadian Mineral Exploration Health and Safety Award program to recognize commitment, innovation and leadership in the industry.

"Have a safe day, everyday."

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